pletion of Nadiad-Kapadwanj-Modasa Railway Line

199. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat have requested to complete Nadiad-Kapadwanj-Modasa railway line at the earliest;

(b) whether Government are aware that the people of these areas have started agitation for completing proposed Nadiad-Kapadwanj - Modasa railway line;

(c) what is the amount that has been spent upto now on the above line and what is likely to be the total expenditure on it; and

(d) whether any amount has been sanctioned for t his railway line, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Requests have been received from the State Government and others for early completion of this project.

(c) Rs. 3.3 crores (approximately) have so far been spent on the project. Present day cost would be of the order of about Rs. 45 crores.

(d) No funds could be allotted for this project in 1987-88 due to acute constraint of resources.

Electrification of Rail Lines between four Metropolitan Cities

200. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway lines between Delhi and the other metropolitan cities *viz.*, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta are electrified;

(b) if not, when electrification of these lines is expected to be completed; and

(c) what are the details of the plans under way for electrification of other lines under the Indian Railway system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b):—

Delhi-Calcutta—Already completed.

Delhi-Bombay (*via* Western Railway route)—Already completed.

Delhi-Madras (G.T. route)—1989-90

Delhi-Bombay (*via* Central Railway route)—1990-91.

(c) Electrification of the following sections has also been approved and works are in progress:

(i) Chandrapura Complex
(ii) Bina-Katni-Bilaspur
(iii) Bhopal-Nagda
(iv) Korba-Gevra Road (as part of Champa-Gevra Road)
(v) Krishna Canal-Guntur-Tenali
(vi) Tundla-Agra-Bayana
(vii) Jollarpettai-Banagalore
(viii) Kazipet-Sanatnagar
(ix) Jollarpettai-Erode and Salem-Mattur Dam
(x) Koraput-Damanjodi.

Railway accident of 66 Down Dehradun-Varanasi Express

201. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 66 Down Dehradun-Varanasi Express dashed against a goods train at Aigawan Station near Lucknow on 12th January, 1988;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss of life and property;

(c) whether any inquiry has since been conducted in this matter; and